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Alabama EMA Activated at level one; four fatalities confirmed

CLANTON- The Alabama Emergency Management Agency has confirmed four fatalities as a result of the severe weather that moved through the state overnight. The fatalities are in Cullman, Jackson and St. Clair Counties. Governor Robert Bentley has activated the State Emergency Operations Center at level one. The level one activation makes all state resources available to assist local officials in providing life safety measures and other ways such as law enforcement and ensuring the roads and highways cleared.

We have several counties reporting extensive damage such as Cullman, Fayette, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Marshall, Tuscaloosa and St. Clair. Most of the counties are dealing with numerous trees and power lines down on homes and streets. Cullman and Marshall County appears to be one of the hardest hit counties with multiple trees down, people trapped and power lines down throughout the county; Guntersville State Park sustained heavy damage as well.

“We have deployed several AEMA staff members and Alabama DPS, Forestry Commission and Department of Conservation to the counties to assist in the wide spread damage we are facing,” said Art Faulkner. “It is important for residents not impacted to keep the roads clear for the first responders and law enforcement trying to get in and assist the residents in need of help.”

Two the counties reporting injuries are Lauderdale and Cullman Counties.

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